

### **Reed Appointed Adult Mental Health Director**

Deputy Healthy Commissioner Paul Blake announced today the appointment of Frank Reed to the position of Director of Adult Mental Health Services for the Division of Mental Health. He replaces Beth Tanzman, who is now the director of the Futures Initiative. Reed has been the Quality Management Director for Adult Services for the past seven years, and “during this time,” Blake said, “Frank has demonstrated a high level of competence in all areas of work undertaken on behalf of the Division, the organizational skills for managing the operations and planning needs of the Division, and a strong commitment to quality mental health services and programs.” Reed holds a Master's Degree in Social Work from Adelphi University and is a licensed Clinical Social Worker. His professional background includes both clinical and program administration experience in community and hospital-based mental health services, and he is a behavioral health surveyor for the Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities, a national accrediting organization for mental health treatment services.

### **Futures: Greensboro Withdrawn**

On Tuesday, Northeast Kingdom Human Services announced it would no longer pursue the establishment of a residential recovery center at the Lakeview Inn in Greensboro. State and provider staffs are reviewing the implications of the Greensboro experience. Meanwhile, an alliance of designated agencies (Howard Center, Washington County, Northeast Kingdom, and Clara Martin Center) is continuing work to develop two residential recovery programs in central Vermont at sites yet to be determined. The Futures Advisory Group meets today, after the deadline of this Update.

### **Futures Group Expanded; Additional Members Asked To Serve**

Last fall, three additional consumer members were added to the Vermont State Hospital Futures Advisory Group: Michael Sabourin, from Northeast Kingdom Human Services; Marty Roberts, from Washington County Mental Health and the State Program Standing Committee; and Kathryn (Kitty) Gallagher, from Rutland County and the State Program Standing Committee.

Now additional members are being or have been recruited from a variety of areas:

- A representative from each of our possible inpatient partners: Bob Soucy will join from Retreat Healthcare, Timothy Rockcress will join from Rutland Regional Medical Center, and Fletcher Allen has been invited to nominate a representative.
- A representative from the consortium developing residential recovery programs in central Vermont.
- A representative from the Burlington mayor's office: Ken Schatz, senior assistant city attorney, joins the group.
- A community service psychiatrist: The Vermont Council of Developmental and Mental Health Services has been asked to nominate someone to fill an existing seat.

- Stan Baker of the Howard Center, to fill another existing seat to represent developmental services.
- Judy Rosenstreich, a family member and Ward One neighbor of Fletcher Allen Health Care.
- One or more additional family members: NAMI-Vermont has been asked for suggestions.

### **Futures: Burlington Community Outreach**

Health Department and Fletcher Allen staff and community representatives will meet next week to begin developing a community outreach plan. The group's charge will be to effectively inform, to engage and to be informed by the Burlington community on issues involving a new inpatient psychiatric facility associated with Fletcher Allen.

### **Futures: Architecture+ Meets With Work Group, Retreat**

Architecture+ met this week with the facilities work group to continue development work for design of new inpatient facilities. Documents handed out at the meeting were posted on the Mental Health Update web page under last week's Update. Representatives of Architecture+ and the Health Department also visited Retreat Healthcare to review possibilities for additional inpatient capacity at that facility.

### **Futures: Actuarial Meetings Being Set up**

Meetings between Milliman, Inc., the actuarial consulting firm, and a variety of stakeholders will be set up for mid-March, part way through the actuarial review process. (Milliman has been selected to provide expert assistance in estimating the bed capacities needed for adult psychiatric inpatient services over the next 10 years.) Meetings will be requested with the Futures Group (including the inpatient work group), with representatives of NAMI-Vermont and Vermont Psychiatric Survivors, with the hospitals, with community providers, with representatives of OVHA and BISHCA, with the designated agency emergency providers, with the care management work group, and with the Department of Corrections. In addition, a conference call including Milliman and staff from the departments of Health and of Corrections has been scheduled to begin work on estimating the psychiatric inpatient bed needs for the Vermont corrections population.

### **Futures: Residential Recovery Work Group Minutes Posted**

Minutes of the two most recent Community Residential Recovery Work Group meetings are posted on the Mental Health Update web page.

### **Safety Inspectors To Report on Vermont State Hospital Tour**

Retired JCAHO surveyor Carroll Ockert of Shelburne and architect Gary Graham of the Boston firm of Graham/ Meus Inc., toured Vermont State Hospital on Tuesday and will report their findings in March. They are conducting a joint psychiatric facility security and safety audit.

### **Upcoming Meetings**

- **Vermont State Hospital Futures Advisory Group** (currently scheduled)

- March 20, 2-4:30 p.m., Room 100, Stanley Hall, Waterbury State Office Complex.
  - May 15, 2-4:30 p.m., Skylight Conference Room, Waterbury State Office Complex.
  - June 26, 2- 4:30 p.m., Skylight Conference Room, Waterbury State Office Complex.
- **Futures Clinical Care Management Work Group** *(Please note change of dates and locations)*
    - March 10, 9-11 a.m., Room 107 (break-out: Room 102), Stanley Hall, Waterbury State Office Complex.
    - NOTE CHANGE: ~~April 7~~ April 28, 9-11 a.m., Skylight Conference Room, Waterbury State Office Complex.
- **Futures Residential Recovery (sub-acute) Work Group** *(Please note change of locations)*
    - March 15, 9-11 a.m., Washington County Mental Health Services, ~~9 Heaton Street, Montpelier~~ 2 Moody Court, Waterbury (green building east of railroad station).
    - April 5, 9-11 a.m., Washington County Mental Health Services, ~~9 Heaton Street, Montpelier~~ 2 Moody Court, Waterbury (green building east of railroad station).
    - April 26, 9-11 a.m., Washington County Mental Health Services, ~~9 Heaton Street, Montpelier~~ 2 Moody Court, Waterbury (green building east of railroad station).
- **Futures Facilities Work Group (With Architecture+)**
    - March 3, 1-4 p.m., Room 3B, Health Department, 108 Cherry Street, Burlington.
    - March 14, 11 a.m., (Vermont Psychiatric Survivors-hosted consumer focus group), Room 3B, Health Department, 108 Cherry Street, Burlington.
    - ~~March 14, 1-4 p.m., Room 3B, Health Department, 108 Cherry Street, Burlington.~~ This meeting has been cancelled. An A+ work team will spend the day on-site at Fletcher Allen, evaluating options for siting the new inpatient facility. (The 11 a.m. focus group, above, will go as scheduled.)
    - April 3, 1-4 p.m., Room 3B, Health Department, 108 Cherry Street, Burlington.
    - May 22, 1-4 p.m., Room 3B, Health Department, 108 Cherry Street, Burlington.
    - June 12, all day, for presentations; various locations to be announced.

## **VSH Census**

The Vermont State Hospital census was 48 as of midnight Thursday night. The average census for the past 45 days was slightly more than 48.

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